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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON FALKLAND/MALVINAS ISLANDS
AND RELATIONS TO RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF BUENOS AIRES HERALD
EDITOR ROBERT COX

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1. IN JOINT STATEMENT APR 26, ARGENTINE AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS IN JUNE OR JULY ON STATUS OF FALKLAND (MALVINAS) ISLANDS. KEY POINT, SEIZED UPON BY ARGENTINE PRESS, WAS SPECIFIC AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ISLANDS' "...POPULATION WILL BE CONSULTED BY BRITISH GOVT DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS." ARGENTINES INTERPRET STATEMENT TO MEAN THAT ISLANDERS WILL NOT TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES, AND APPEAR TO REACH DUBIOUS CONCLUSION THEREFORE THAT IN SOME MANNER BRITISH POSITION THAT ISLANDERS CONSENT TO CHANGE IN STATUS MUST BE OBTAINED HAS BEEN CHANGED. PRESS COMMENTARY ALSO STRETCHES SITUATION TO SUGGEST THAT BRITISH AGREEMENT ON DISCUSSION OF SOVEREIGNTY BINDS HMG TO NEGOTIATIONS EXCLUSIVELY WITH GOA AND EXPANDS GOA RIGHTS IN FUTURE OF ISLANDS.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS NOTE THAT SITUATION IS NOT REALLY
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CHANGED AND THAT UK IS NOT COMMITTED BEYOND AGREEMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE. NEGOTIATION IS AN ADVANCE IN THE SITUATION IN ONE SENSE, BUT AT SAME TIME BASIC ELEMENTS HAVE NOT CHANGED AND FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH TO GOA WILL MEAN FAILURE TO GAIN SOVEREIGNTY OR AT LEAST CLEAR PROMISE OF SOVEREIGNTY, WILL MAKE SITUATION WORSE THAN BEFORE.

3. BRITISH CHARGE JOHN SHAKESPEARE TOLD EMBOFF APR 26 THAT
ARREST OF EDITOR ROBERT COX (A BRITISH SUBJECT) OF BUENOS AIRES
HERALD ON APR 22 (REFTEL) HAD PLACED WHOLE NEGOTIATION IN DOUBT.
ACTING WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH LONDOWN ON EVENING OF COX'S
ARREST, SHAKESPEARE SPOKE WITH FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY ALLARA AND
TOLD HIM FLATLY THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ON FALKLANDS NEGOTIATION WOULD
HAVE TO BE SUSPENDED IF "THE MOST DISTINGUISHED BRITON IN
ARGENTINA" WERE KEPT IN JAIL. BRITISH HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT
THIS, IN ADDITION TO URGENT EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOA OFFICIALS
AND OTHERS TO POINT OUT SERIOUSNESS OF WORLD REACTION TO HIGHEST
LEVELS OF GOA, ACCOUNTED FOR QUICK REVERSAL OF POLICE ATTITUDE
TOWARD COX DURING EVENING APRIL 22.
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